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TITLE OF INVENTION: ~~DEVICE FOR FITTING SUBSTRATES WITH ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS~~

APPARATUS FOR HANDLING ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

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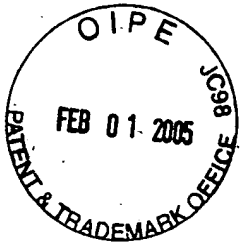
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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicants offer the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability (dated November 1, 2004).

Although the application includes two independent formulations of the invention (i.e., independent claims 19 and 37), the Reasons for Allowance appear to paraphrase only independent claim 1. For example, independent claim 37 does not recite the terms "wherein the plurality of storage spaces are distributed on a sliding part mounted on the head," and "the sliding part being displaceable relative to the head, such that when the sliding part is displaced, the plurality of storage spaces are displaced successively." In this and in any other regard, the

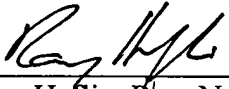
Reasons for Allowance should be limited solely to claims using such terms. The Reasons for Allowance should not, in any way, limit independent claim 37.

Applicants do not believe that the Reasons for Allowance necessarily state all of the reasons for allowance or all of the details as to why claims are allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that each of independent claims 19 and 37 is patentable because of the features recited therein.

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